

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 514
By Head

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Tony Shutes and the 1995-1996 University School of Jackson girls' basketball team on reaching the semifinal round of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament.

WHEREAS, with the thunderous applause of their many fans ringing in their ears, the phenomenal University School of Jackson girls' basketball team has displayed tremendous agility, a ferocious defense and awesome shooting to complete one of their best seasons ever, reaching the second round of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, despite strong competition, USJ won the regular season District 15 A title, with an unblemished 8-0 record; and

WHEREAS, the battling Bruins then captured the coveted District 15 A Tournament and the Region 8 A Tournament championships; and

WHEREAS, they next won their crucial substate game and beat Goodpasture 56-45 in the first game of the state tournament to reach Final Four action; and

WHEREAS, their excellent overall record was 22-7; and

WHEREAS, head coach Tony Shutes, along with assistant coaches Sheri Brauss and Charlena Crunk, have done a superb job; and

WHEREAS, the team leaders were senior center Deirdre Sallee, who averaged 20 points per game and was named Tennessee Sports Writers All-State, All-State Tournament, second team All-State, All-West Tennessee, Region 8 A Tournament Most Valuable Player, District 15 A Tournament Most Valuable Player, District Player of the Year, and regular season All-District 15 A; sophomore forward Mary Beth Haltom, who was chosen All-State Tournament, second team All-West Tennessee, All-District 15 A Tournament and regular season All-District 15 A; senior forward Erin Keller, an All-Region 8 A Tournament selection, All-District 15 A Tournament and regular season All-District 15 A honoree; and senior guard Allison Truell, who was selected All-Region 8 A Tournament and regular season All-District; and

WHEREAS, each of the other players on this fine squad, including Jenny Jackson, Lauren Poole, Blair Thomson, Leslie Epps, Frances Kirkland, Elizabeth Brower, Cynthia Thomson, Jessica Satterfield, Rida Jones, Anne Ford, Lori Hopper, Ashley Cooper, Sarah Hudacek and Robin Bell, have made a major contribution to the success the team has enjoyed this season; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working managers were Josie Hale, Megan Prichard, Kimberly Truell and Kylie Keller; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to specially recognize and commemorate a team that has been a source of tremendous pride to the residents of Jackson, the school and to all who love high school basketball competition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Tony Shutes and the 1995-1996 University School of Jackson girls' basketball team and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.

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